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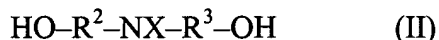
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A detergent composition comprising a detergent and a crosslinked product obtained by reacting a compound having 2 to 32 hydroxyl groups (hereinafter, referred to as component (a)) with a compound having at least two functional groups reacting with hydroxyl groups (hereinafter, referred to as component (b)).

Claim 2 (original): The detergent composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (a) is a compound represented by formula (I):



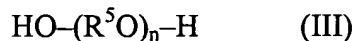
wherein R^1 is a C2 to C3 alkylene group and m is a number of 1 to 30; a compound represented by formula (II):



wherein R^2 and R^3 independently represent a C2 to C3 alkylene group, X represents a hydrogen atom or a group represented by $-\text{R}^4-\text{OH}$ whereupon R^4 represents a C2 to C3 alkylene group, and R^2 , R^3 and R^4 may contain repeated oxyethylene groups and/or oxypropylene groups; glycerin; polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of 2 to 30; or sorbitol.

Claim 3 (original): The detergent composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the component (b) is a polyhydric alcohol polyglycidyl ether.

Claim 4 (original): The detergent composition according to claim 3, wherein the polyhydric alcohol is a compound represented by formula (III):



wherein R⁵ represents a C2 to C3 alkylene group, and n is a number of 1 to 30; glycerin; polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of 1 to 30; or sorbitol.

Claim 5 (original): The detergent composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (a) is triethanol amine and the component (b) is a diglycidyl ether of ethylene glycol or polyethylene glycol.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Use of the crosslinked product defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 as a soil release agent.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of releasing soil from clothes with the crosslinked product described in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1.